

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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National Intelligence Council

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, National Intelligence Council

VIA : Vice Chairman, National Intelligence Council

FROM : Major General Edward B. Atkeson, USA  
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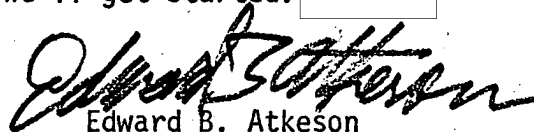
SUBJECT : OSWR Proposal for Interagency Assessment of Soviet  
Battlefield Laser Threat

1. I have reviewed the attached proposal (Tab A) for an interagency study on the Soviet laser threat and believe we should move out smartly. The DCI was again reminded of the need for better intelligence support for military program and budget decisionmaking by LTG Richardson, Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, during his visit with the Director on 1 September. The DCI concurred in the points made. The approach suggested in the proposal--a joint WSSIC/STIC study--is a good one. It should be directed from here, however, with participation by elements within the DDI and DIA that can address issues involving the prospective deployment and tactical use of these systems.

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2. The draft memo to the Chairman of WSSIC and STIC and the DDI (Tab B) proposes that we move out smartly and recommends that I oversee its preparation. Recommend you sign the memo and we'll get started.

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Edward B. Atkeson

Attachments:

- Tab A - DDI-6870/82
- B - Memo from C/NIC to C/WSSIC  
and STIC

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